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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, line 3, please insert the following paragraph:

The present application is a U.S. National Application of PCT/EP2004/012701 (the "Application"), filed November 10, 2004, by Voith Turbo GmbH & Co. KG, which claims priority to German application number 10353517.9, filed November 14, 2003, the contents of which are herein incorporated by reference.